

House Resolution 29 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

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1 A Resolution expressing gratitude to members of the
2 49th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry for their
3 efforts to honor Iowans who served in the American
4 Civil War.

5 WHEREAS, members of the Sons of Union Veterans
6 of the Civil War formed the 49th Iowa Veteran
7 Volunteer Infantry (49th Iowa) in June 2009, for the
8 express purpose of establishing a highly trained and
9 historically accurate uniformed ceremonial honor
10 guard of military historians from across the state of
11 Iowa; and

12 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa's sworn missions include
13 the education of the public at large about the role
14 played by Iowans in the American Civil War (Civil War)
15 and the preservation and restoration of Iowa's aging
16 Civil War monuments across this state and on distant
17 battlefields; and

18 WHEREAS, the National Commander of the Sons of
19 Veterans Reserve awarded the 49th Iowa the National
20 Meritorious Unit Citation for excellence in all
21 of their undertakings in the unit's first year
22 of existence as a unit of the Sons of Veterans
23 Reserve; and

24 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa was further honored by Iowa
25 Governors Chet Culver and Terry Branstad by being
26 named by each governor as "The Governor's Own Iowa
27 Rifles"; and

28 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa undertook to support

1 historic preservation efforts of entities like the Iowa
2 State Historical Society by providing thousands of
3 hours of volunteer services to the Iowa Battle Flags
4 Project; and

5 WHEREAS, members of the 49th Iowa, immediately
6 upon learning of the deplorably decrepit state of
7 the largest Iowa monument at the Vicksburg National
8 Military Park, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, set about
9 working with members of the Iowa General Assembly in
10 the 2013 Legislative Session to provide bipartisan
11 funding to fully restore the Iowa State Memorial at the
12 military park, as a part of House File 2465 (2013); and

13 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa has consistently and
14 repeatedly supported veterans of this state and
15 nation by participating in a wide array of ceremonies
16 throughout the State of Iowa and accompanied
17 Iowa's governor as the official honor guard for the
18 rededication of the Iowa State Memorial at Vicksburg
19 National Military Park; and

20 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa has replaced dozens of
21 gravestones on veterans' graves throughout the Midwest
22 and has performed uniformed full military honors
23 ceremonies in strict compliance with the military
24 regulations of the United States for veterans who had
25 in some cases lain in unmarked and unhonored graves for
26 over 100 years; and

27 WHEREAS, the 49th Iowa, after appearing at the
28 annual Lincoln's Tomb Observances in Springfield,
29 Illinois, in April of every year since 2009, was
30 afforded, in 2013, the singular honor of being

1 designated as the Tomb Guard at Lincoln's Tomb; NOW

2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
4 the House of Representatives expresses its sincere
5 gratitude to members of the 49th Iowa Veteran Volunteer
6 Infantry for their efforts to honor Iowans who served
7 in the American Civil War.